## ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS





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## Agricultural Summary

Producers continued harvest last week with improved field conditions. Drying is still an issue for many farmers and elevators as moisture levels remain elevated in fields. Producers who finished harvest were busy with fall tillage and fertilizer applications. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 57 percent adequate and 43 percent surplus. Eighty-five percent of the corn crop was reported as harvested.

Crop Progress Percents

Crop	PI	ogress	Perce	nts			
		This	Last	2008	5-Year		
		Week	Week	2000	Average		
		December 6					
CORN: Harvested		85	72	100	100		
SORGHUM: Harvested		95	91	100	100		
WINTER WHEAT: Emerged		87	70	100	100		

Progress by Districts

District	Corn					
	Harvested					
	December 6					
Northwest	86					
Northeast	74					
West	85					
Central	87					
East	83					
W Southwest	85					
E Southeast	91					
Southwest	99					
Southeast	98					

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

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District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture Percents					
DISTRICT	For Fieldwork	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		
Nov. 30 - Dec. 6			December 6				
Northwest	5.9	-	_	73	27		
Northeast	5.5	_	-	96	4		
West	6.3	_	_	54	46		
Central	5.9	_	_	50	50		
East	5.2	_	_	53	47		
W Southwest	4.8	_	_	50	50		
E Southeast	4.2	_	_	45	55		
Southwest	4.5	_	_	13	87		
Southeast	4.0	-	_	45	55		
State	5.3	-	-	57	43		